GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURING SALE OF SSP
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sub-standard Single Super Phosphate (SSP) is being manufactured and sold in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent such manufacturing and sale of SSP; and

(c) the manner in which the quality control is ensured for the fertilizers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): No such cases have been brought to the notice of the Department of Fertilizers in the recent past.

(c): The specification of Single Super Phosphate (SSP) is specified in the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO). Clause 19 of FCO strictly prohibits sale, manufacture and import of fertilizers, which are not of prescribed standard. Violation of provision of this order attracts both administrative and punitive action prescribed under Essential Commodities Act. The State Governments are adequately empowered under the FCO to take appropriate action.

Manufacturers are allowed to use only those grades of rock phosphate which are notified by Department for production of SSP. The final claims of subsidy are released only on receipt of certificate of quality and quantity from the State Government.